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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97-1.98.

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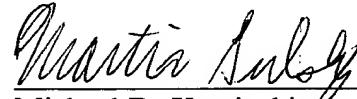
**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Documents A1-A28, B1-B28, C1-C28, D1-D9, E1-E27, and F1-F18 are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Documents A1-A28, B1-B28, C1-C28, D1-D9, E1, E2, E25-E27, F1-F13, F15, F16, and F18 are in English. Document E17 corresponds to documents D2, D4, D6, and E2 which are in English. Document E23 corresponds to document C25 which is in English. A computer generated translation is attached to document E19. An English translation of documents E22 and F14 are attached. No English translation or English abstract is available for documents E24 and F17.

An English translation of documents E3-E18, E20, E21, and E23 are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. No English translation or English abstract is available for documents E24 and F17. The absence of such a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,



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